January. 1906.

To the Chairman & Members.
of the Sherburn Rural District Council.

Gentlemen

I beg to submit my report for the year 1905.
I also enclose the usual Tables required by the Local Government Board.

I remain

Your obedient Servant
R. Edgar Moriarty. M.O.H.

In compiling the report I shall consider the district as a whole, and shall not divide it into its Sub-registration districts, as is done I believe in some cases when occasion requires I shall refer to a particular part of the district.

Rainfall

Like preceding years the past year has been abnormally dry, thereby causing a distinct scarcity of water for domestic purposes all over the district more especially so in the parish of Sherburn.

Population

In the past year I have estimated the population by calculating from the last census return in 1901.

This year with the aid of the Parish Clerks of the various parishes, I have made an enumeration and I find that the population is not so low as I have formerly estimated.

At the census of 1901 the population was returned as 2186 my calculation for the middle of 1905 is 2177. The figures of the various Parishes are as follows

| 1901 | | 1905 |
|---|---|---|
| 340 | Thurston | 358 |
| 439 | Tolkton with Flixton | 413 |
| 365 | Willerby | 376 |
| 393 | Ganton | 380 |
| 649 | Sherburn | 650 |
| 2186. | | 2177. |

Births

The number of births registered during the past year was 64 (males 33. females 31) compared with 51 in 1904.

Birth Rate for 1905. 29.4 per 1000
" " " 1904. 23.6 "

According to registration districts the births were distributed as follows:-

| | | Illegitimate |
|---|---|---|
| Sherburn, Ganton & Willerby. | 47 | (8). |
| Thurston, Tolkton & Flixton. | 17 | (2). |

Deaths

The number of deaths registered was 23. which is the average for the district last year the number was greater owing to the high infantile mortality

The death rate for the year calculated on an estimated population of 2177 is 10.56

Two deaths were notified from the workhouse as belonging to this district.

Causes of Death etc.

The greatest number of deaths occured during the first half of the year February

having the highest number. There were three Inquests held during the year.
The deaths comprise 17 males. 6. females.
Ten deaths occured over 65 years of age.
4 up to 75 years 4 up to 85 1 at 86 1 at 87.
Diseases of Respiratory organs accounted for 5 deaths
Bronchitis 2 Pneumonia 2 Pulmonary Tuberculosis 1.
Heart Disease 3 deaths.
There has been no death from Cancer this year
This complaint is not a common one in the district
Premature Birth caused 3 deaths.
One death by accident
None from infectious disease
Infantile death rate shows improvement this year namely 6 out of the 23 this gives a rate of 93.75 per 1000 births registered
A special table has this year been provided with regard to Infantile Mortality.
Table I gives a summary of all deaths with cause and age.

Infectious Disease.

There were 15 cases of Infectious disease notified during the year, a considerable increase on last year.

This is chiefly due to an outbreak of Enteric Fever at Truston which up to Dec. 31st had caused 13 cases. One case of Scarlet Fever & one of Erysipelas were notified. Of non-notifiable Infectious Diseases Whooping Cough, Rose-Rash Chicken-Pox & a few isolated cases of Measles have occured. also a pustular skin eruption, which was of a very contagious character occured in the western part of the district, chiefly affecting

children and young people.
As I mentioned before there was one death from Tuberculosis which properly comes under this heading.

Water Supply.

The water supply for the whole district has been very short during the past 12 months altogether due to the very low rain fall.
The wells in some places gave out & the public had to obtain water for domestic uses from the decks, advantage was taken of this lowness of the wells, in some places and they were opened and cleaned out and in some instances deepened. It remains to be seen whether this will improve the supply during the coming summer.

Infection

This water, which in 1904 was examined & found perfectly satisfactory, was examined again in Oct last & found to be badly contaminated, this indicating the medium by which Enteric Fever was spread.
Improvements have been made in the Spring & the water was again examined in December & found to be greatly improved but not so good as formerly. I have every reason to think this water will gain its former purity especially if the deck is kept clean & prevented from overflowing into the Spring.
The contamination of the stream was caused by sewerage from a case of Enteric being allowed to run into it from a village outside your district.

Flixton & Folkton have a Satisfactory supply.
Flixton supply has been improved or rather added to since last report by the opening of an old well in the village. The other well has been deepened so I believe the supply is now satisfactory.
Ganton & Potter Brompton supplies are satisfactory Sherburn. The supply has been very short & has caused a good deal of inconvenience during the hot summer months. During the past few months three of the public wells have been opened & cleaned there seems a fair supply now.

Drainage

The only drainage in the district is that used for surface water, and that seems to meet all requirements.

I have made regular quarterly inspections throughout the District, special visits are made when requested. The Milk Shop & Dairies Act has now been adopted & milk sellers have now to be registered.

I have been appointed Medical Inspector under the Factory & Workshops Act, but as the number of such places in the district is very small only they do not require special mention, the Sanitary conditions in each case being Satisfactory.

R. Eagar Moriarty.